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## Jelinek, Middaugh Announce Village of Decatur Grant

LANSING - In announcing that the Village of Decatur will receive \$350,000 in a Community Development Block Grant, state Senator Ron Jelinek, R-Three Oaks, and Representative Mary Ann Middaugh, R-Paw Paw, also announced the grant will help create 35 new jobs and expend \$4,000,000 in private investments.

"This money will be used to expand the water and sewer utilities and will construct a storm sewer to serve the expansion project at Special-Lite Inc.," said Senator Jelinek. "It is great to see new jobs and economic development growth in our area of the state especially during the current fiscal slow down."

Special-Lite, Inc. is a building entrance manufacturing company that employees 131 workers. With the help of this grant and the facility expansion 35 new jobs will be created.

"This is excellent news for the community," said Middaugh. "I applaud the MEDC for recognizing the importance of this project and the positive economic impact it will have on the area. This project would not have happened without Special-Lite and the Village of Decatur working together to keep this important employer in the community. This will be a substantial investment and commitment to the community for many years to come."